

Mahtomedi Fast Pitch Association
Board Notes
October 28, 2009
6:30 p.m., Wildwood Library

Members present: Kevin Brown, Bill Putney, Greg Eick, Tom Moore, Kari Rambo, John Kieger

Members not present: Paul DeWitt

Nominations for vacant Board positions:

Nominated and approved for Vice President: Kevin Brown

Nominated and approved for Secretary: Susan Anderson

Nominated and approved for Coaches Certification Coordinator: Tina Ziemer

Nominated and approved for Field and Umpire Coordinator: Mark Kuschke

- Update 11/3/09 – Mark Kuschke and Tina Ziemer have decided to switch Coordinator positions.

Coaches Certification Coordinator: Mark Kuschke

Field and Umpire Coordinator: Tina Ziemer

Website Update

Kevin presented copies of the new website. Website is Mahtomedifastpitch.com hosted by Godaddy. Cost is \$50.00 per year.

Discussions and approval of placing the following content on website as follows:

Practice and Game Schedule Calendar

Link to Field Maps (Provided by John Kieger)

Board Minutes

Parent Survey Results without Comments

Coaches Corner (ie – Open gym, clinics)

Privacy Policy

Guideline on bat and glove sizing

Action Item: Greg is to prepare a parent letter regarding new website.

Discussion items: It was voted not to include Bylaws on website as that they might be misconstrued. The Bylaws are always available upon request. It was also decided to not publish the website hit counter but relay that information to the President monthly. The minutes would be approved by Board before publishing to website.

Survey Discussion

The survey scores for all categories was overall satisfaction. Areas of improvement discussed as follows:

- Evaluation Process: Preference for venue of evaluations is to remain at Hamline. A suggestion of obtaining outside evaluators from either other school districts or Hamline. Spelling out expectations to parents and girls. Team selection process. Refiguring actual evaluation items and scores.

Action Item: A Evaluation task force was formed and will include: Tom Moore, Kari Rambo, John Kieger and Tina Ziemer.

- Team Selection Process: Should 10U's have evaluations? Up to board discretion depending on potential and skill levels. The policy was changed for 12U's last spring regarding competitive versus developmental teams. Also changed was number of players on team as 12 maximum players unless board approval.

Estimated 2010 Participants

10U – 7

12U – 30

14U – 18

16U - 24

Action Item: Discuss adding new policy regarding “minimum evaluation score level must be achieved to play.”

- Coaches: More due diligence in selecting coaches. Selection earlier in season. Establishing a Code of Ethics for coaches.

Action Item: Preliminary coaches and Code of Ethics.

- Price: Some participants questioned price.

Action Item: Kari will collect data from other districts to reflect that we are low on our pricing.

Open Discussion

Insurance policy is still under investigation. ID tags for each girl also pending due to insurance.

Action Item: Kari and Bill to discuss at next meeting.

10U evaluations independent of other upper level evaluations?

Action Item: Board to discuss at upcoming meeting

Helmet purchase was strongly encouraged last year. Should it be mandatory this year? Place this information on registration and website?

Action Item: Board to discuss at next meeting.

Registration will now be on-line with Mahtomedi District Education department. Two board members will have access: Bill Putney and Greg Eick.

Placing fast pitch registration and information on school daily announcements and in the Community Education Brochure.

November Board Meeting is Thursday, November 19th at the District Education Center

Submitted by Susan Anderson